

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Applicants have amended the claims to delete the terms “substituted or unsubstituted,” “a lower alkyl group substituted with a cyclic alkyl group which may contain a hetero atom in the ring,” “or R⁶ and R⁷ may together form a ring which may contain a hetero atom and when the hetero atom is nitrogen atom, it may have a substituents,” and “a lower alkoxymethyl group substituted with a cycloalkyl group which may contain a hetero atom in the ring.” Accordingly, support for these amendments can be found in the claims, as previously presented. In addition, Claim 1 has been amended to recite within the definition of C and E “wherein said lower alkyl portion of said lower alkyl group, hydroxy-lower alkyl group, carboxy-lower alkyl group, halogeno-lower alkyl group, amino-lower alkyl group, azido-lower alkyl group, aryl-lower alkyl group, and carbamoyl-lower alkyl group may contain a hetero atom, which is selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur.” Support for this amendment can be found on page 10, line 22, to page 11, line 2, of the specification.

No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3-7, 10-13, 20, 24, 25, 27, 31, and 32 remain active in this application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Morris for indicating that Claims 3, 4, 7, 11, 13, 20, 24, 25, 27, 31, and 32 are only objected to as depending from a rejected base claim and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of any base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants submit that, in view of the present amendments and remarks all of the pending claims are now allowable.

The rejection of Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 12, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, has been obviated by appropriate amendment. As the Examiner will note, the claims have

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been amended such that they are free of the criticisms outlined on pages 2-3 8 of the Office Action. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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